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1 Vatican financial investigators suspect a department of the Holy See was used in the past for possible money laundering, insider trading and market manipulation, according to a report. The information has been passed on to Italian and Swiss investigators because some activity tied to the accounts allegedly took place in these countries. REUTERS

## RELIGION BELIEFS DROP

2 Americans are becoming less religious, judging by such markers as church attendance, prayer and belief in God, and the trend is more pronounced among young adults, according to a poll released Tuesday. The share of U.S. adults who say they believe in God, while still high compared with other advanced industrial countries, slipped to 89 percent in 2014 from 92 percent in 2007, according to the Pew Research Center's Religious Landscape Study. REUTERS

## CHIPOTLE SUED

3 Charmaine Denise Mode, of Kelso, Washington, has sued Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. for more than $75,000, saying that she was infected with E. coli as a result of a meal at the chain restaurant. Chipotle has closed 43 restaurants in Washington and Oregon. The lawsuit cites at least 22 confirmed cases. REUTERS

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7 Palestinian protesters sets fire to tires during clashes between Israeli soldiers and Palestinians who protested Israeli violations outside the Ofer Military prison near the West Bank city of Ramallah.

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## GRIZZLIES PROTECTION

4 Federal wildlife managers have determined that grizzly bear numbers in and around Yellowstone National Park have rebounded sufficiently to propose stripping the animals of U.S. Endangered Species Act protections in the months ahead. The estimated population is just over 750 bears. REUTERS

## UBER DRIVER GETS LIFE

5 A Delhi court on Tuesday jailed a driver of U.S.-based ride-hailing company Uber for life for raping a passenger, in a case that highlighted the dangers faced by women from violent sex attackers. Driver Shiv Kumar Yadav received the maximum sentence after he was found guilty last month of the rape, kidnapping and criminal intimidation of the woman, who had hailed a ride home from a party in Delhi last December. Yadav got his job with Uber with fake references, enabling him to hide his criminal record. REUTERS

## HISTORIC MEETING

6 The leaders of Taiwan and China will meet in Singapore on Saturday to exchange views on cross-strait issues, Taiwan's presidential office said, in the first such meeting of leaders from the two sides since the Chinese civil war ended in 1949. Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou will fly to Singapore to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping. REUTERS

Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou

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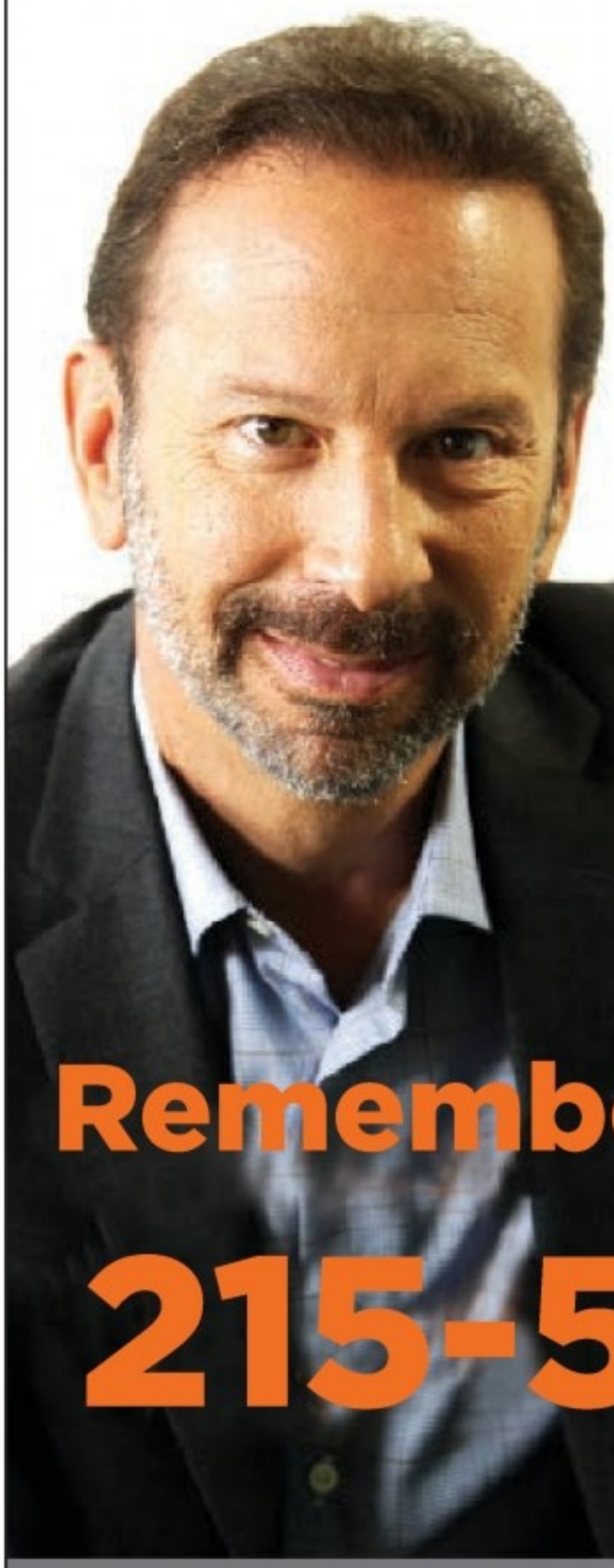

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## BRIEFS

**Police: Teen boy gropes woman in park**

Police say a teen boy groped a woman on the Schuylkill River Trail in Philadelphia just weeks after reports of similar incidents left police promising increased security at the prominent exercise spot.

The most recent incident occurred Sunday afternoon when, as a 29-year-old woman who was walking with her boyfriend told police, a group of four juveniles on bicycles began harassing her. One of them, who appeared to be 13 years old, reached out and groped her before riding off.

A jogger runs on the Schuylkill River Trail. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

In September, concern mounted about security at the park after a post on a Facebook group for Philadelphia runners raised concerns about safety and harassment.

Runners reported seeing joggers surrounded by juveniles on bikes, who in at least one case slapped a woman's rear.

Others commented with similar stories of juveniles on bikes popping wheelies and playing chicken with joggers and cyclists along the trail.

It's unclear if the same juveniles were behind the harassment.

The Philadelphia section of the trail follows the river along an old train line, and a recently-completed section of piers stretches out over the river. Trail access begins at South Street, where joggers can walk down a long ramp or stairs to access it.

Police said that because the trail sits below street level in some areas, it has the impression of seclusion, which has heightened safety concerns. METRO

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# Fight of his life nears end

Chaka Fattah Jr. discusses his case outside federal court after closing arguments Tuesday. SAM NEWHOUSE

Chaka Fattah Jr.'s fate is now in the hands of a jury.

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"Bring it."

Those were the words of Chaka Fattah Jr. in a conversation secretly recorded by his former roommate turned government witness, played for the jury by federal prosecutors during closing arguments in Fattah's fraud trial Tuesday.

"If somebody can prove I did something wrong, bring it — and we'll fight that!" Fattah can be heard saying in the recording.

But Fattah's fight is over for now, and his fate is in the hands of jurors, who are expected to continue deliberating the case Wednesday.

Federal prosecutors slammed Fattah's character as they argued for jurors to find him guilty of fraud.

"[He had] a framed credit card that he hangs on the wall of his apartment at the Ritz. Who does that?" asked prosecutor Paul Gray. He then brought up Fattah's unpaid bills at The Capitol Grille.

"What kind of person sticks a restaurant for $15,000 and runs away laughing about it? This kind of person," he said, pointing at Fattah Jr. "A cheat."

Fattah is accused of stealing thousands from banks through fraudulent business loans and hundreds of thousands from the School District of Philadelphia through an inflated budget for a charter school.

Fattah remained calm as he gave his closing argument, claiming that prosecutors did not understand how business and taxes work.

"When they say false, that just means they disagree," Fattah said at one point.

He argued that he was legally entitled to funds he spent.

"When you're in a business, after your expenses, the money that's left over goes to you. Everybody knows that," he said.

"The government's just upset. They don't like my lifestyle. 'He was a restaurant and he ate at places I can't afford,'" he mimicked.

But Gray countered that Fattah's entire closing argument was a "senseless diatribe" and denied any interest in Fattah's "stupid lifestyle and Armani suits and Hermes ties."

"Nobody cares what he wore," Gray said.

Fattah's father, U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah Sr., who has also been indicted on federal fraud charges, sat in the front row during the trial.

"I have complete faith in our jury system. I trust they'll make a fair decision," he said after closings ended.

Fattah said he felt positive about his case outside court after the closings ended and that representing himself was the best decision he ever made.

"I'm not a scam artist, I'm a legitimate businessman," Fattah said of prosecutors' allegations.

As for prosecutor Gray, Fattah said, "He's an idiot. Period."

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# Meet Mayor-elect Jim Kenney

Jim Kenney, a South Philadelphia politician and former member of City Council, rode into the mayor's office Tuesday by a steep margin over Republican Melissa Murray Bailey.

The win was hardly a surprise. In a city with a steep Democratic voter registration advantage, Kenney was long considered the front-runner since winning the six-way Democratic primary in May.

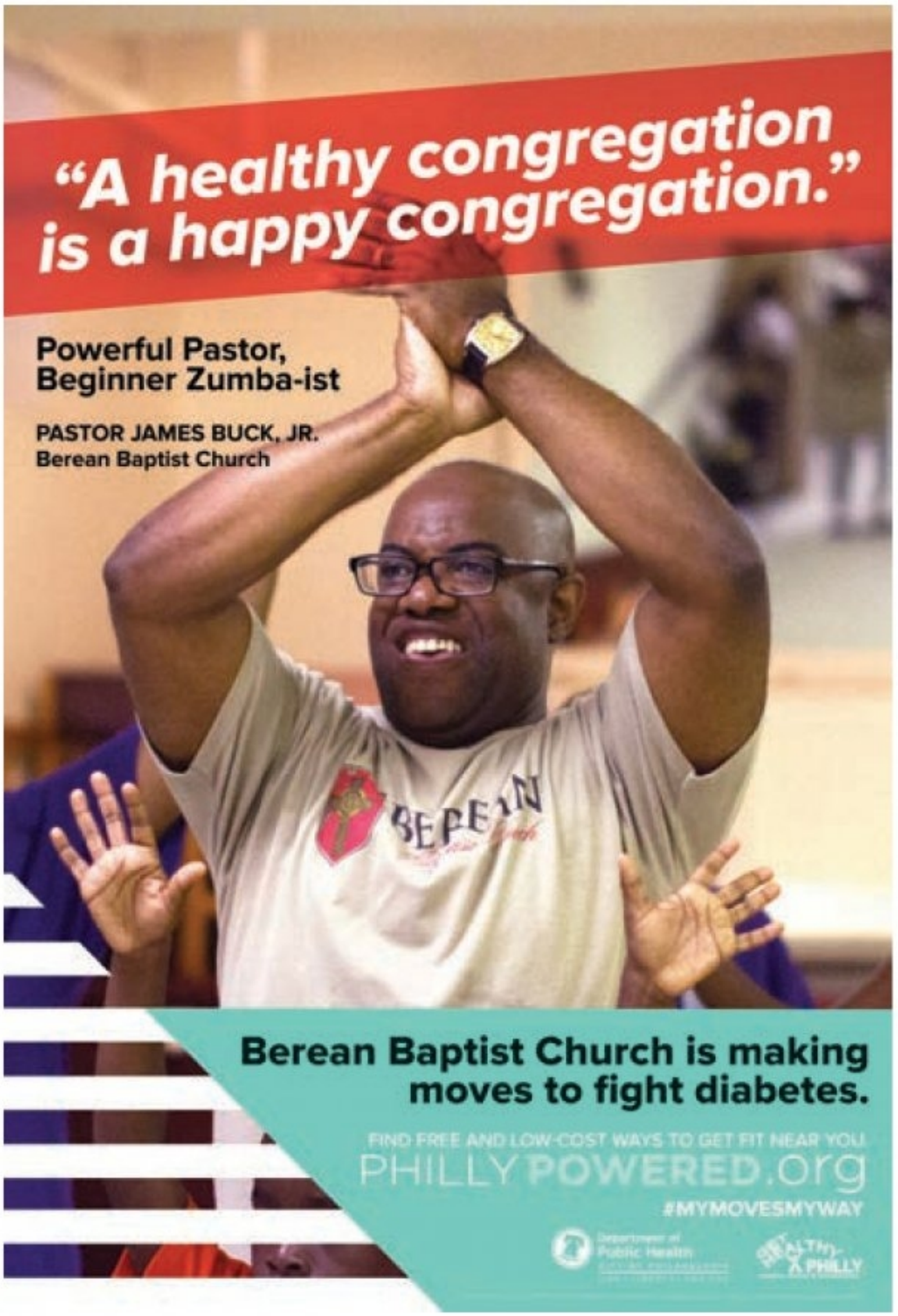
It was, for the most part, a sleepy election, one in which Kenney calculated that he merely had to keep his head down to maintain the advantage.

Bailey was articulate and engaged on the campaign trail, but the political newcomer could not make inroads with city voters.

Kenney began his career as a political protege of former Pennsylvania state Sen. Vince Fumo, who ruled Philadelphia and Pennsylvania politics with a mix of patronage and political leverage until he was convicted of corruption-related offenses in 2009.

But his political profile has evolved along with a city whose political elites have become more progressive and technocratic.

Kenney came to be the driving force on legislation favoring LGBT city employees and decriminalizing marijuana in the city. DAN KELLEY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# What will Kenney's first term look like?

The next mayor has already started planning his administration.

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Jim Kenney has expected he would be mayor since he won the Democratic primary election in May. Though he's made dozens, or hundreds, of public appearances since, a huge swath of people aren't completely sure what Kenney is all about.

As you'll see below, he apparently didn't waste any time gearing up to take office.

But big challenges await the former city councilman from South Philadelphia.

Here's what to look for from a Kenney administration.

## Police commissioner

Kenney has already made his choice for police commissioner, but won't say who it is. Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey announced in October that he would retire in January, a move designed to give Kenney his own pick at the top of the police department.

Kenney said he had discussions with candidates for the job over the summer and early fall. The irony here is that Ramsey's lead at the department was considered a deciding factor in Democratic primary battle with state Sen. Anthony Hardy Williams. Williams said he would fire Ramsey — an announcement that many considered a blunder.

Kenney said after the primary he would not look outside the department for Ramsey's successor. Ramsey, for his part, recommended Deputy Commissioner Richard Ross.

Look for an announcement sometime next week.

## City Council

Kenney said Tuesday that he's able to work with 17-member City Council. He's a former at-large member of the city's legislative body, and he's led the push on some of the city's biggest changes, including marijuana decriminalization and a sweeping LGBT-equality bill.

A keen observer might note that Mayor Michael Nutter was also a member of City Council when he took office, and he has maintained frosty rela-

## Why did you vote?

"[The biggest issue is] schools, the funding of schools. ... I want him to pick a good police commissioner. Crime is becoming a big problem again."

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"Our people fought hard for this right. You can't ignore that."

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"People complain about this city, but they keep giving power to the people that tear it down."

MARK YOUNG, A REPUBLICAN, WEST PHILLY

Jim Kenney, top left and above, at the polling station and leaving the voting machine after casting his ballot on Election Day. At top middle is Kenney's opponent, Melissa Murray-Bailey. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

tions with the Council.

"I don't know what happened to Michael," said City Councilwoman Marion Tasco. "But Kenney understands the importance of neighborhoods."

Asked what he would do to preserve his relationship with Council, Kenney said he knows how to keep everyone on the same page.

"More communication is the best," Kenney told Metro. "You have to communicate with people when you want to convince people that your way is the best way."

## School district

The Philadelphia School District will continue to be a challenge. Kenney has proposed an initiative that would put social services in schools as a way of easing the burden on the district and connecting families and kids in need with agencies that can help.

But the solutions to the district's long-term problems are probably found in Harrisburg. The state formula for reimbursement of charter schools combined with the ability of some charters to expand enrollment means the district has a difficult time managing its finances. City officials also continue to push — as they have for years — for more money from the state, as well as a funding formula that takes into account the large number of kids from impoverished families that attend city schools and may need more services.

## Main issues

Kenney sees poverty, education, jobs and the hardships of people returning from prison as related issues. Kenney said his administration will be a "very diverse government of competent people committed to making the city a better place for all of its citizens who live in every ZIP code in the city, not just certain ZIP codes."

Asked whether he thought education ranked at top of voters' concerns, Kenney jumped right to poverty, and he began talking about industrial-style jobs that can feed "families and people returning from prison. We need to make sure that when they come home, they stay home. They need to do something productive."

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# Russia's stance on Assad suggests divergence with Iran

The Syrian president's backers aren't seeing eye to eye.

Syrians evacuate people from damaged buildings following the Russian airstrikes on the Mashhad neighborhood of Aleppo, Syria, on Nov. 3. GETTY IMAGES

Russia does not see keeping Bashar al-Assad in power as a matter of principle, the Foreign Ministry in Moscow said Tuesday in comments that suggested a divergence of opinion with Iran, the Syrian president's other main international backer.

Fueling speculation of Russian-Iranian differences over Assad, the head of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps suggested Monday that Tehran may be more committed to him than Moscow was.

However, one senior regional official cautioned against reading too much into the public statements on Assad, saying there is no difference between Russia and Iran over him.

They agree on his staying in office, and that it is up to the Syrian people to elect their president, the official said.

While Russia and Iran have been Assad's foremost foreign supporters during Syria's 4-year-old war, the United States, its Gulf allies and Turkey have insisted the president must step down as part of any eventual peace deal.

Talks in Vienna on Friday among the main foreign players involved in diplomatic efforts on Syria failed to reach agreement on Assad.

Asked by a reporter Tuesday if saving Assad was a matter of principle for Moscow, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said: "Absolutely not, we never said that."

"We are not saying that Assad should leave or stay," RIA news agency quoted her as saying.

But another regime change in the Middle East could be a catastrophe that "could simply turn the whole region into a large black hole," she added. REUTERS

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# GOP trusts Trump

In the wake of the third debate, candidate finding favor with Republicans.

Donald Trump is the Republican candidate most trusted to manage the economy, deal with foreign leaders and serve as commander in chief, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll of Republicans conducted after the party's third debate.

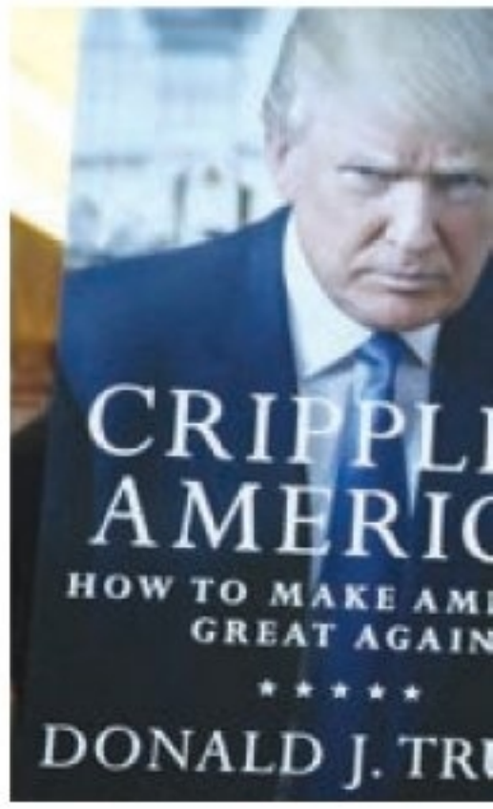
And more Republicans would trust him with the nation's nuclear weapons than most of the rest of their party's presidential primary field.

In terms of overall support, Trump was favored by 31 percent of Republicans polled by Reuters/Ipsos in an online survey conducted Oct. 28 to Nov. 2 that had a credibility interval of plus or minus 4.4 percentage points. Retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson placed second with 18 percent. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida and former Gov. Jeb Bush tied for third place with 10 percent each.

For anyone still confused about why Trump is holding strong onto a double-digit lead in most presidential primary polls, look no further than at how much Republican voters trust him: Trump's campaign message — that his experience in business means voters should pick him to negotiate trade deals or take on Russia's Vladimir Putin — is resonating.

On the question of whether voters trust the candidates to manage the economy, 59 percent said "yes" to Trump.

None of the other Republican candidates came close. Carson was second, with 36 percent saying they trust him to manage the economy. Rubio was third with 27 percent, followed by retired business executive Carly Fiorina at 25 percent.




It's not just on the economy where Trump shines. Asked whether they trusted the various Republican candidates to be commander in chief, Trump and Carson were tied, at 40 percent each.

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deal with foreign leaders, Trump again got top marks, with 41 percent saying they would trust the New York real estate mogul. Carson was a close second at 39 percent. Rubio, who has made foreign policy a central part of his campaign and stressed his experience on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was third at 31 percent.

Asked about handling the nation's nuclear weapons — another insight into voters' views on foreign policy — 34 percent of Republicans said they would trust Trump.

He trailed only Carson, with 39 percent saying they would trust Carson to have his finger on the proverbial button. Only 27 percent said they would trust Rubio.

When it comes to the Oct. 28 debate, of those Republicans polled, a plurality, or 22 percent, thought Trump won.

The poll appeared to show Trump and Carson garnering the most benefit from the debates.

Of the Republicans polled, 31 percent said the debate changed their opinion about Carson and made it more positive. The same was said by 29 percent about Trump, but 22 percent said they had a more negative attitude of him afterward.

The debate may have done the most damage to Bush. Twenty-nine percent said after the debate they had a more negative view of Bush. REUTERS


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# Widow: Robin Williams was 'disintegrating' before suicide

Susan Williams describes actor's health conditions in her first interview since his death.

Comedian Robin Williams had been planning to undergo neurological testing the week before he committed suicide last year, and likely only had three years to live, his widow said Tuesday.

In her first interview since Williams hanged himself at their California home, Susan Williams described how the "Good Morning, Vietnam" Oscar winner was "just disintegrating" physically and mentally in the months before his death.

Williams died in August 2014 at age 63, three months after being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. He was showing symptoms including stiffness, slumping gait and confusion, she told ABC's "Good Morning America."

An autopsy found Williams also had Lewy body dementia, which causes a progressive decline in mental abilities, his widow said.

"If Robin was lucky, he would've had maybe three years left. And they would've been hard years. And it's a good chance he would've been locked up," she said, referring to a doctor's prognosis for the comedian.

After a lifetime of struggles with addiction, Williams had been "completely clean and sober" in the eight years before his death, but his chronic depression had returned along with paranoia, Susan Williams added.

> *"If Robin was lucky, he would've had three years left"*
>
> Susan Williams

The beloved actor was aware he was losing his mind and although he was keeping it together "in the last month he could not. It was like the dam broke," his widow told ABC. The last week of his life doctors were planning to check him into a facility for neurocognitive testing, she said.

But he never talked about taking his own life, Susan Williams said.

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In the tearful interview, she recalled their last affectionate conversation the night before the actor took his own life, and how she raced home from work after he was discovered by an assistant the following morning.

"I just wanted to see my husband. And I got to see him ... and I got to pray with him. And I got to tell him, 'I forgive you 50 billion percent, with all my heart. You're the bravest man I've ever known.' You know, we were living a nightmare," she said.

The actor's third wife was speaking out after reaching a settlement last month with his three children from previous relationships that ended a bitter dispute over his estate and the dividing up of his belongings. REUTERS


# 7 Things You Must Know Before Putting Your Home Up for Sale

Philadelphia - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homesellers don't get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "The 9 Step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar".

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# Transgender math: The cost of transitioning

The financial aspect can be overwhelming, especially for a population that is already marginalized.

Many who want to transition can't afford the pricey surgery Caitlin Jenner had. WIREIMAGE

When Sara Davis Buechner began her transition from man to woman, she knew there were going to be emotional hurdles, like dealing with her family. But there were financial costs, too. And she knew they were going to be forbidding.

Medical procedures like facial electrolysis cost $20,000. There was a year of therapy, required at the time to make sure Buechner, a renowned pianist, was a suitable candidate for transition — at $80 a session.

Since American options were just too pricey, Buechner opted for surgery in Thailand. The tab? $10,000, including flights. Buechner was more than willing to pay those high bills, because it was the culmination of something she had known since childhood: She was female, despite having been born male and named David.

The Philadelphia Center for Transgender Surgery lists menus of procedures for male-to-female transitions and female-to-male that total well over $100,000. Meanwhile, corporations have been slow to help. According to the 2015 Employee Benefits Survey by the Society for Human Resource Management, just 5 percent of employers offer gender-reassignment health care coverage to their staff. That is up since 2011, when 2 percent of companies did so.

Among large companies, the numbers are more encouraging. One-third of Fortune 500 firms now offer healthcare coverage including transgender surgery and related medical costs, according to the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index report.

In addition, the provisions of Obamacare — as well as state-specific laws in California, New York and Oregon — have been pushing plans toward transgender-inclusive health coverage, according to the National Center for Transgender Equality.

"The policy environment is changing for sure," says Jody Herman, a public policy scholar at UCLA's Williams Institute. "The way antidiscrimination laws are being interpreted is moving in the direction of saying that exclusions to trans-related health care are not acceptable."

**The No. 1 tip from financial advisers: Start preparations early.**

"Plan ahead, know what your costs are going to be, and what your insurance will cover and what it won't," says Paula Heichel, a financial adviser with Wells Fargo Advisors in Washington, D.C., who has counseled transgender referrals on their finances. "These cost are not to be taken lightly, and you have to be able to pay as you go."

Indeed, with a long enough timeline, it might be worth the effort to seek employment at one of the 418 major U.S. companies that offer at least one transgender-inclusive health plan. Otherwise, the costs could be significant.

"Just imagine, you have to take every stitch of clothing you own and put it in the garbage," Buechner says. "The best analogy I tell people is, 'What if you moved to Bolivia tomorrow. How much would it cost to start a totally new life?'

"The costs are enormous. Start counting."

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## Lost work

The costs of transition are not just medical. Buechner started losing recital engagements when venues found out about her personal story. She also had trouble booking new ones. When she applied to become a music teacher at more than 30 U.S. colleges, she didn't get a single response. (She is now an associate professor at Vancouver's University of British Columbia.)

It's no wonder so many transgender Americans are economically vulnerable: Fifteen percent report making less than $10,000 a year, according to the Center for American Progress, quadruple the average poverty rate.

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# Bobbi Kristina's hospice nurse was a faker

I don't think anyone saw this one coming: One of the nurses who took care of Bobbi Kristina Brown during her final days was not a nurse at all but an imposter, according to TMZ. Taiwo Sobamowo was arrested in Georgia this week for identity theft, forgery and impersonating a nurse. Sheriff's officials believe she used the ID of an actual nurse with a similar name to gain employment at the hospice center where Brown was receiving care until her death in July. Sobamowo has apparently done this before at a facility in Washington, D.C., and it's unclear if her ruse was prompted in any way by Brown's stay or if it was just a coincidence.

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# What we learned from Adele's Rolling Stone interview

**1. It took her six months to write "Hello." Six months!** "We had half a song written," says producer Greg Kurstin, who didn't know if Adele was ever going to come back and finish it. "I just had to be very patient."

**2. She's quit smoking and cut down the drinking.** "I absolutely loved it, but it's not that f—ing cool when I'm dying from a smoking-related illness and my kid is, like,

devastated," she says. "I used to be able to drink anyone under the table and still be able to put on an all-right show. But with kids, hangovers are torture. They just know. They pick up on it and just go for you."

**3. She wants Bad Girl RiRi in her squad.** "I've heard about a squad. I wish my squad was all supermodels. We are, in our brains. I guess I have my own squad," she says. "It's not as interesting as some of the other squads that are around right now. But maybe Rihanna can be in my squad! That would be really cool."

**4. Don't think about pitting her against other pop stars.** "I would rather not be that person because that's just pitting a woman against another woman, and I don't hold any more moral high ground than anyone else. So that has pissed me off a bit."

**5. She's a feminist.** "I believe that everyone should be treated the same, including race and sexuality." MATT LEE

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# Crazy love

Devlin tries to keep a straight face guiding the sex-crazed singletons on "Are You the One?" airing tonight at 10 p.m. on MTV. MTV, PROVIDED

Ryan Devlin enjoys watching single hopefuls flail on "Are You the One?"

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Ryan Devlin is deep into his third season as the host of MTV's reality dating competition "Are You the One?" which puts 20 singles in a house where somewhere among their fellow contestants is a perfect match — they just have to find them. Only this year, it's not really going that well.

**What sparked your interest in this show?**

I was really taken immediately by the concept. There's nothing like it on television, this idea that everyone can win together. Every reality competition you see out there, there are people being voted off and losing and being told they're not good enough, and then there's one winner at the end. With "Are You the One?" it's totally unique. There's 10 guys and 10 girls — they all suck at dating, and they're brought together to find their perfect match. And if they do it right, not only do they leave the island with love, they leave with a million bucks. Everyone can win. Or, alternately, everyone can lose. They're proving to be a little bit dumber this year than previous.

**How much time do they have left to figure it out?**

If these lunatics can come together and find their perfect matches, the show's over. They get 10 tries. They've burned through six, and they're not doing well. They've already lost $250,000 — they're freaking out. People are dumb, they're still hooking up with people they know aren't their match, and it's ruining things for the house. They have a long way to go.

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**How much do you think the setting has to do with that?**
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**What is it like to take a bunch of millennials' phones away?**
They do surprisingly well. You would think it would just be the worst thing ever because everyone at that age is just glued to their screens, but I think we dangle enough other shiny objects in front of them that it doesn't have much of an effect until they get toward the end. That's when they really start to feel the disconnect. It's hard to be in a vacuum that long, but at first it's just a crazy paradise. You're in a mansion with beautiful people, unlimited alcohol, great food. The question six weeks in is if they find love, can they remain happy? And if they don't find love, will they kill each other?

## Sharing a bedroom

On "Are You the One?" the 20 romantically challenged contestants don't just share a house, they also all share one big bedroom — which can be more than a little awkward. "Maybe you have an early connection, maybe you hook up with somebody, and then you find out that they're not your match, and then, 'Oh s—, I still have to sleep in the same bedroom with this person while I'm trying to move on,'" Devlin says. "Think about how hard that is, if you were always around your ex while you're trying to date somebody new. With relationships, things don't end usually where you're like, 'OK, let's both move on and be happy.' Usually there's one person still pining for the other person, and you're just sitting there watching them hook up with who was yesterday your best friend in the house."

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Designer Olivier Rousteing talks Instagram and the new collaboration.

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Couture that's (gasp!) affordable? Every fashion lover's dream will come true tomorrow when H&M's epic high-low collaboration with luxury French house Balmain goes on sale.

At a press conference last month, Olivier Rousteing, the 30-year-old creative director behind the label, discussed the collection and playful campaign video, which finds muse Kendall Jenner engaging in a dance battle.

"Balmain is couture. Balmain is a luxury French house, but it is also me," explained Rousteing. "I'm 30, I love dance, I love music, I love pop. And so we found a way mix it."

With 1.4 million Instagram followers, Rousteing is known for his social media savviness as much as for his high-glam designs. His spring 2016 presentation was the most Instagrammed fashion show of the season. But what does the designer get in return for putting so much of himself out there?

"You get the feedback of people that follow you. And you also get the feedback of people who hate you, which is pretty fun," he said.

"[Social media] does a really nice job of advertising and showing who you are, what is your vision, what is your aesthetic. It's an honest way to share with people. And I think it's really modern."

It also keeps the designer grounded.

"I got so many things pretty young, and it's a way to keep contact with reality, because I can read the comments," he said. "I can read people talking about how life can be hard."

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# 007: Dressed to kill

In "Spectre," James Bond once again saves the world in style. Costume designer Jany Temime talks about outfitting the world's best-known secret agent.

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Costume designer Jany Temime, who dressed the cast for "Skyfall" and has previously worked on the Harry Potter franchise, gives 007 (Daniel Craig) a licence to thrill. Tom Ford, Mulberry, British heritage brand Sunspel and shoemaker Crockett & Jones all make appearances in the secret agent's wardrobe.

Temime tells us more about the thought process behind Bond's wardrobe.

"The white tux is a big 'Spectre' innovation," the costume designer says. SONY

## "Skyfall" versus "Spectre"

After "Skyfall," we wanted to do something different. I adopted the same attitude as when I was doing one Harry Potter [film] after another, by telling myself not to try and do better but to do something different. When you deal with such an iconic franchise, you need to respect the heritage and what has been done before while innovating constantly.

## The challenge of "Spectre"

My first reaction was to call Sam Mendes and tell him, "I won't be able to make a tuxedo that looks better than the midnight blue evening suit in 'Skyfall.'" So it had to be different. Tom Ford sold 15,000 copies of that tux, even though it's not exactly the same as the one in the film, which was my design.

## Styling Daniel Craig

Daniel calls the outfits into question, which speeds up the process. We work well together, and he has this amazing body. He has got a flat stomach, a perfect butt and stunning shoulders; it's easy to dress him up!

## The white tux

This is the big "Spectre" innovation. This part of the film takes place in Morocco, and I got inspired by Humphrey Bogart in "Casablanca." I am sure this piece will make a big comeback, thanks to Bond; there is absolutely nothing more elegant than a tanned man in a white jacket. It's so sexy!

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**Gemini** Make a positive transition. A residential move or change in vocation will work out to your advantage, provided you do your homework first.

**Cancer** You can improve your current position and maintain your integrity by fulfilling your responsibilities without squabbling.

**Leo** Do something you haven't done in years. Play an old-fashioned board game or cards and have some fun with friends or family.

**Virgo** Love is on the rise, but you are best to use affection, not words, to seal the deal. You will find the answers to any questions you have if you listen.

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**Scorpio** Trying to convince someone to see things your way will be futile. Don't waste your time when you should be taking care of your responsibilities.

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**Capricorn** If you agree to take on someone else's responsibilities, make sure you are fully aware of what's expected of you.

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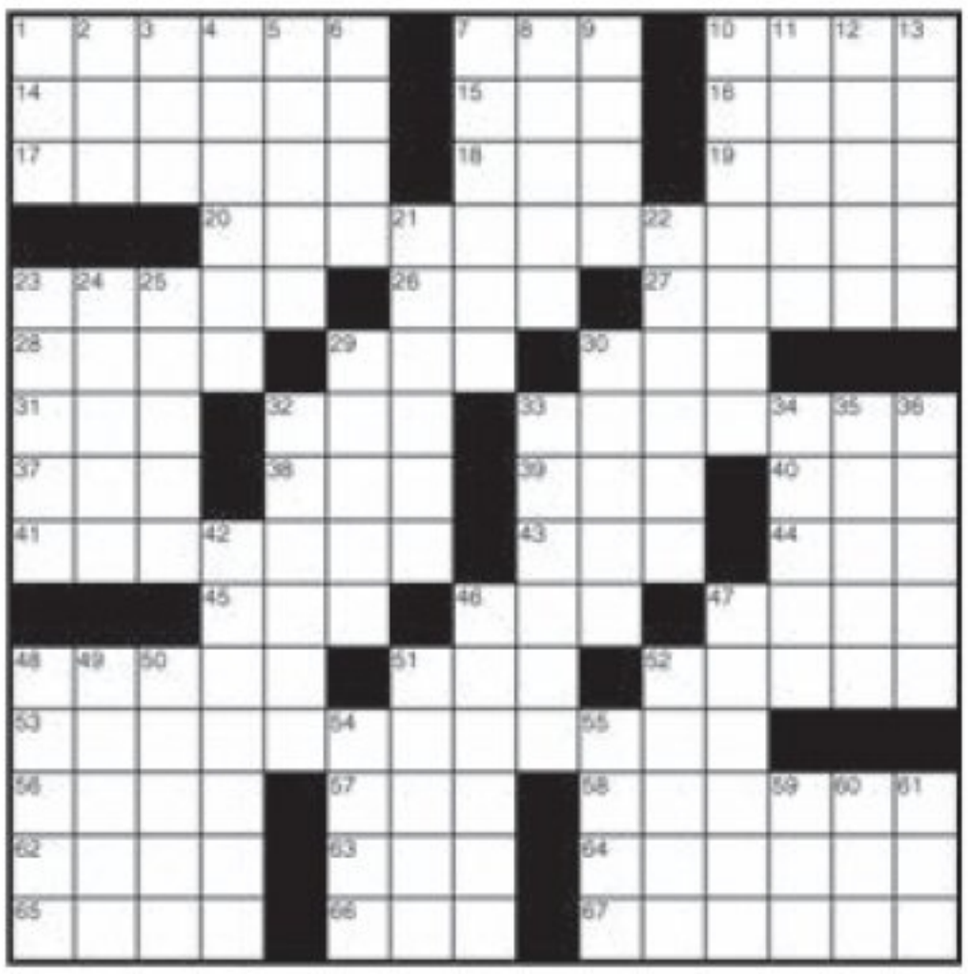

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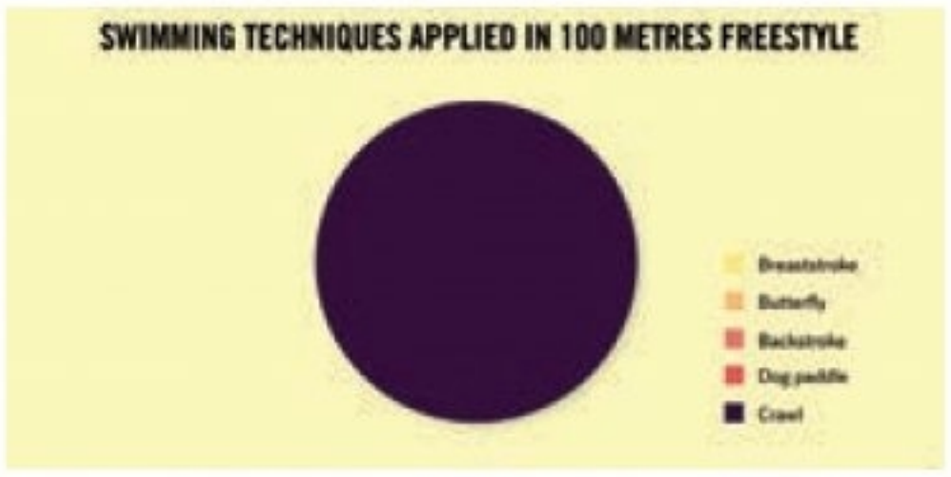


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**45%**

According to Rent.com's survey, 45 percent of property managers reported seeing an increase in the number of millennials opting to rent, creating an even greater demand. Student loans and postrecession incomes are contributing factors, says Schreck.

**6.8%**

Vacancy rates for rental housing fell to 6.8 percent in the second quarter of 2015, the lowest it has been in nearly 20 years.

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# Rent going up? You're not alone

According to a recent survey, 88 percent of property managers have raised their rents in the past 12 months.

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When you rent, you get used to little inconveniences: the ferrets next door, the rock band upstairs, the absentee maintenance man. One thing you probably haven't gotten used to over the past couple years? That rapidly rising rent check.

The good news, if you can call it that, is you're not alone. According to Rent.com's recent Property Manager report, 88 percent of property managers nationwide have raised their rents in the past 12 months, and 68 percent of those surveyed predict their rents will rise an average 8 percent in the next year. That's a lot of percents when it comes to the first of the month.

According to Niccole Schreck, senior brand manager at Rent.com, it's a classic case of supply and demand. More Americans are renting, and there aren't enough available units to keep up.

"Since the housing bust, there has been a definitive shift toward more Americans opting to rent. The stigmas attached to renting have dropped, and many now see renting as the safer, easier, more flexible and, at times, more affordable option," she says. "The notion of the American dream of owning a home has less value than it used to."

While developers are responding to the demand and building new rental properties, these are very rarely affordable options. "Rental construction doesn't translate to rents going down," says Gabby Warshawer, director of research at New York-based CityRealty. "Land costs are high, building costs are high, and they're going to look to recoup that."

So what's a renter to do? Schreck recommends shopping smart. "If possible, look to move in the winter months," she advises. "While there will likely be even less inventory than the peak summer months, this often results in more flexibility on price from the landlord. They want to make sure they can fill their vacancies as soon as possible, so you have more wiggle room to negotiate here."

## Cities are trending up

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# Is your feline roommate what's keeping you single?

If you live with a purring pet, can a relationship with an anti-cat person work? Our expert reveals all here.

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If your version of Netflix and chill is curling up on the couch with your cat to watch "Animal Planet" reruns, it's time to ask: Are your cat-collecting ways keeping you from love?

It turns out if the cat is the obstacle, it's not Garfield's fault — but it's not your fault, either. It's probably the person you've brought home, according to Julie Hecht, a Ph.D. student studying animal behavior at the City University of New York.

## Learning to adapt

"When you live with a companion animal, you're doing it because you essentially want a relationship and usually you do have a very specific relationship with that animal," says Hecht. "When somebody else new comes into the environment, like your house or your life, it can be hard depending on the nature of your relationship [with your pet]."

Hecht says that those who are newly introduced to people's companion animals — like cats — often try to mimic the behavior the owner has with that pet. What people don't understand is that the animal and its owner have sets of behaviors and intimacy built upon what can sometimes be a long-term relationship.

## A different kind of threesome

In a way, it can be like trying to jump into a polyamorous relationship. "Your words, not mine," Hecht laughs. "Essentially, you shouldn't just make assumptions about who the [pet] is. You should take time and [get to know the pet] for whom the [pet] is and also not make judgements about who the [pet] is with the owner."

Would it make it all easier to just date people who like cats?

"No," Hecht says. "I think on both ends, if you have an animal lover and somebody that maybe wants to proclaim they don't love dogs or doesn't like cats, if you're patient with each other something entirely different can develop."

## A word of advice

The more important thing to keep in mind when you're introducing a new date to your cat is that you're essentially introducing a stranger to your very, very close friend who happens to not be human.

Hecht recommends that you give the cat space to approach your date. Give your cat a choice in how he or she interacts with your adult slumber party buddy. It may take some time, but like with any potential relationship, it may blossom into something quite lovely that even your cat would approve of.

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# 76ers' ugly start not a good sign

The youthful Sixers have less NBA experience, combined, than Kobe Bryant.

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The 76ers' (few) bright spots begin with Nerlens Noel and Jahlil Okafor. GETTY IMAGES

Brett Brown is painfully aware of what's looming this season for the 76ers — lots of losses and growing pains.

Through it all, the Sixers' coach still realizes he must develop the young talent as much as possible. And, boy, are they young. Even younger than last season.

This is the third season on the NBA sidelines as a head coach for Brown. The first two seasons produced 37 total wins.

Philly is already 0-3 after an opening night loss at Boston, a 28-point drubbing at home to Utah and a much-better-than-expected seven point defeat to the Cavaliers on Monday.

While the Cavaliers are surging, even without the likes of injured Kyrie Irving and Iman Shumpert, the Sixers are sputtering. It's going to be like this for large portions of the season.

"We're going to experience some heartache over the next month," Brown said. "Everybody bunker in. That's a fact, I've said it. It shouldn't be a mystery."

The loss to Utah was especially difficult to stomach.

"I haven't slept much over the last 48 hours," Brown said. "When you study that game back and forth, and you learn from it. That's my job. I've got to bring these guys in and keep them positive and keep them cocky with a little bit of swagger. We didn't play well the last game. It was a poor opening night."

To be fair, the lack of experience is astonishing. Superstars Tim Duncan and Kobe Bryant have more experience individually than the entire Sixers team collectively.

*We may draw one out and go find a brilliant performance, but this is going to be a fistfight for awhile.*

Brett Brown

Think about that.

"When you combine the youngest team in the history of the sport and experience, it's a rough formula," Brown said. "But that's where we're at. And nobody's crying about it, and it's my job to move this young group forward. That's what I'm going to try to do. To say that it's not as difficult as previous years would not be true."

But there are glimmers of hope. Jahlil Okafor, the No. 3 overall pick from Duke in the most recent NBA draft, scored 24 points against the Cavaliers. This was the second time in his first three games that he posted at least 20 points.

Nerlens Noel had 14 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots against Cleveland. He also continues to show signs of improvement with his shooting touch.

Undrafted point guard T.J. McConnell recorded 12 assists without a turnover against the Cavaliers.

"I think we're figuring it out," Okafor said. "We're getting better, and one of the big things was after the game against Utah we were working on offense in practice and I was happy with the way we came out. We definitely made some improvements with how we played."

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# Sixers' guard Sampson knows how to guard LeBron

Philadelphia has a defensive specialist in JaKarr Sampson, who went to the same high school as LeBron James.

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At St. Vincent-St. Mary's High School in Akron, Ohio, an NBA player was born. At 6-foot-9 and 214 pounds, he's known as a defensive-stopping wing who plays with high intensity and has a knack for acrobatics around the rim.

This player helped lead the Fighting Irish to a state championship in 2009 and is known by his peers as a selfless teammate and leader.

No, no — not Cavs superstar LeBron James. The man in this story is Sixers guard JaKarr Sampson.

Sampson, who had just two points in four minutes in a 107-100 loss to the Cavs on Monday, got to watch as his childhood idol, James, became the youngest player in NBA history to notch 25,000 points off an alley-oop dunk in the fourth quarter.

"I know [LeBron's] proud of me," Sampson said. "I feel like everyone who's from where I'm from, we're all proud of each other. We're all close. All of the Ohio brothers are close."

Because he attended the same high school as James, Sampson had the opportunity to go one-on-one with him on several occasions when James visited practice. On Monday, Sampson entered the game late in the second quarter and defended James on the NBA stage. He held James to just 2-of-4 shooting for five points during the stretch.

"Our best-balanced team is with JaKarr, because he can guard," head coach Brett Brown said.

Sampson started the Sixers' first two games of the season at shooting guard before coming off the bench against the Cavs. But with Nik Stauskas' triumphant 15-point, four-rebound debut in the Sixers starting lineup Monday, Sampson could have a harder time finding minutes at shooting guard the rest of the season.

Sampson has been solid, but not overly impressive, early for Philly. GETTY IMAGES

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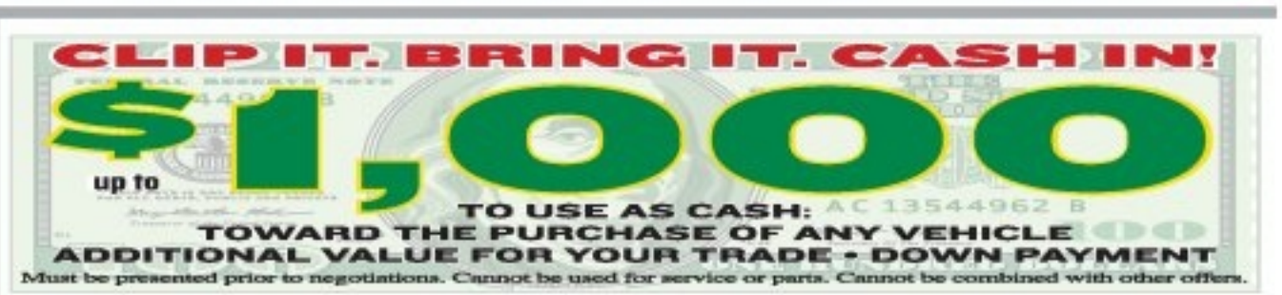
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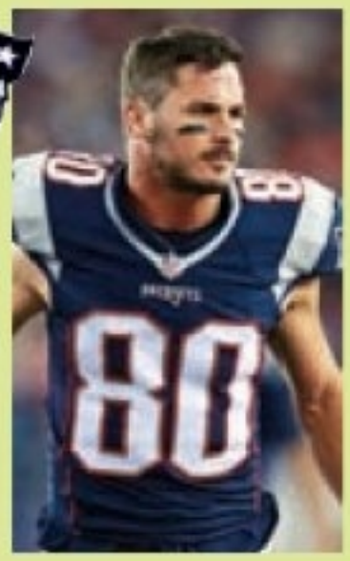

The Patriots put the kibosh on both the rejuvenated Dolphins and any ideas they would be challenged for the AFC East title. Now the question becomes whether or not they can obtain home field advantage through the AFC playoffs.

No. 2

## Broncos (7-0)

The defense proved they could do it against anyone, even Aaron Rodgers. But the bigger revelation was the Denver offense, which saw the best games of the season from Peyton Manning, C.J. Anderson and Demaryius Thomas. Add to that the fact that they've liberated Vernon Davis from San Francisco.

No. 3

## Bengals (7-0)

It wasn't pretty, but this was exactly the game Cincinnati has lost in the past. Andy Dalton played his worst game of the season, and then led a fourth quarter touchdown drive for the lead, the game, and a three-and-a-half game lead over Pittsburgh, their only competition in the division.

No. 4

## Panthers (7-0)

The Panthers are still undefeated this season when Cam Newton gets at least 10 carries. And when literally anything else happens. They've now run the gamut of Seattle, Philadelphia and Indianapolis, and if they finish it up with a win against Green Bay next week, who can't they beat?

No. 5

## Packers (6-1)

Both the Green Bay defense and offense were absent in Week 8. The defense allowed the Broncos offense, dismal so often this season, to roll right over them for 500 total yards. The offense meanwhile, endured a career low 77 passing yards from Aaron Rodgers.

No. 6

## Cardinals (6-2)

Chris Johnson continues to show no signs of slowing down this season as he carried the rock 30 times, the first time he's done that since 2010. Carson Palmer and the rest of the offense got on track again in Cleveland, and they didn't even need John Brown, so he can use their bye to get healthy.

No. 7

## Vikings (5-2)

It's not always pretty, and the wins aren't all against the best competition, but the Vikings have the eighth best record in the NFL, and are all alone in the second wildcard spot in the NFC. Nobody has stopped Stefon Diggs yet. The second half of the schedule will test the Vikings, however.

No. 8

## Rams (4-3)

The Rams held onto second place in the NFC West with a division win that followed the same formula as their previous two wins: pound the rock on offense and play great defense. The passing game still hasn't gotten on track, as they sit dead last at 32nd in passing yardage per game.

No. 9

## Raiders (4-3)

It wasn't easy to do, but the Raiders are inside the top 10. They're eighth in the league in points per game and ninth in total offense and turnover differential, and they're winning games, which many of the "better" teams are struggling to do. For that reason, they hold the top wildcard spot in the AFC.

No. 10

## Jets (4-3)

Well, if Oakland's a top 10 team, are we expecting the Jets to beat a top 10 team with Geno Smith at the helm? That may not be a fair question, as Geno didn't play terribly in his first action since a teammate broke his jaw. Chris Ivory hasn't broken 50 yards rushing in two straight weeks.

No. 14

## Eagles (3-4)

The Eagles had their best week of the season without taking the field, which tells you all you need to know about the Eagles season and the NFC East. A loss by the Giants leaves the Eagles a half game out of the division with a chance this week to give Dallas their sixth straight loss.

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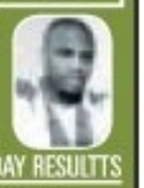

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